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2d Technical Battalion in Jezeri.

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1. Prior to 16 February 1952, the 2d Technical Bn was located in the castle in Jezeri (N 51/F 03). Source learned that a headquarters company of about 30 soldiers armed with 98-N rifles was stationed in Jezeri and that about 500 recruits had arrived there on 1 November 1951. The 2d Co of the battalion was in Vysokany (N 50/P 63) to construct a barracks installation and an airfield.

2. The NCO school of the battalion was in the former Stefanikovy Barracks southwest of Most (N 51/F 13) on the west side of the road to Zatec (N 51/F 10). Senior Lieutenant Vratislav Kocourek was the commanding officer of the school. The school was organized into four companies each of about 130 soldiers. The armament consisted of 98-N rifles and three light machine guns per company. Training included the laying of mines, building of trenches, construction of obstacles and similar tasks. The course was scheduled to last for three months until March 1952.

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Technical Subsidiary Battalion (PTP) No 52 in Svata Dobrotiva and Tank Unit in Strasice.

3. The 52d Technical Subsidiary Bn was located in a barracks installation on the road to Pribram (N 50/L 53) in Svata Dobrotiva (N 50/L 34) until the fall of 1951. Staff Captain Bedrich Toupalik was the commanding officer, while Staff Captain Palkovic (fmu) served as DOZ officer. The battalion consisted of one company of between 100 and 120 soldiers of an older age and three companies referred to as K company, H company and P company each with about 160 recruits who, according to the instructors, belonged to the 60th PTP in Decin (N 51/F 56). The soldiers received only basic drill without arms. These companies were transferred for labor service on 15 May 1951. Recruits had arrived on 15 April 1951. (1)

4. K company was transferred to the barracks installation southeast of Strasice (N 50/L 34) on 15 May 1951. About 550 soldiers of another PTP were also located there. These units had to enlarge the available military installations. Captain Bily (fmu) was responsible for the construction work which was done by the Armastov firm. The new constructions were south of the previous installations. About 60 low wooden buildings, 10 brick-built garages and 7 three-story buildings, about 40 meters long, were completed by October 1951. Additional buildings would

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allegedly be constructed. A macadamized road, about 9 meters wide, was also built from the installation toward the south. (2)

5. A tank unit of about 50 T-34 and other tanks was permanently stationed in the old installations until late October 1951. There also was an artillery unit of more than 10 guns of medium caliber which were drawn by heavy half-track vehicles each occupied by a crew of about 10. PTP personnel stated further that an infantry unit and a signal unit were also located there. Source repeatedly saw all these units leave the installation on about 40 trucks for joint practices and believed that the aggregate strength of the troops was more than 1,000. (3)
6. An infantry unit was located in the castle in Bor in the fall of 1951. No heavy weapons were noticed. The same occupation was also seen in an installation near the railroad station. (4)

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80th Inf Battalion in Prague-Notol and Officers' Academy in Litomerice.

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8. The 80th Inf Bn with Utvar No 9435 and surnamed Prazskeho povstani was located in Prague-Notol until the end of 1950. Two companies of the headquarters were located in the castle while three additional companies were in a barracks installation near Notol. Major Kuchar (fmu) was the commanding officer. The battalion guarded various installations in Prague. (5) The training unit of the battalion was in the Prazske Barracks in Benesov (O 50/L 25) until the fall of 1950. Staff Captain Bunzak (fmu) was commanding officer of this unit.

9. An officers' academy of about 500 students, a workers' officers' academy of about 300 students and a cadre unit of about 200 soldiers were located in the Jiriho z Podebrad Barracks near the town exit in Litomerice (II 51/F 53) until the fall of 1951. Students of the workers' officers' academy were selected by the recruiting officers in cooperation with the Party. The students who were selected from among deserving workers, teachers and politicians were commissioned as reserve officers upon graduation from the academy. (6)

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(1) The information confirms the 52d Technical Subsidiary Bn (PTP) in Sv. Dobrotiva with Staff Captain Toupalik (fmu) and the 60th PTP in Decin. The recruit companies in Dobrotiva were apparently subordinate to [] is PTP rather than the 52d PTP, probably for reasons pertaining to their labor commitment. See [] 25X1A

25X1A (2) Previous information indicated garages and supply installations under construction in Strasice and at the neighboring firing range in Jince which were confirmed by the present report. The Armastov firm is a military construction establishment in Plzen which was set up on 1 May 1951 and is subordinate directly to the Ministry of National Defense. Captain Bily (fmu) is the commanding officer of the 60th PTP in Decin. See []

25X1A (3) The 23d Tank Brig is carried in Strasice. The information [] confirms previous information until October 1951. With no detailed information available on the organization of a tank brigade it cannot definitely be stated whether all the units mentioned are organic components of the 23d Tank Brig. 25X1

(4) Probably components of the 2d and 3d Bns of the 13th Inf Regt which, according to a report in October 1950, were located in a castle, the former Sokol building, a former monastery and a former school near the railroad station in Bor. See []

25X1A (5) The information confirms the 80th Guard Bn with utvar number and surname as located in the castle and barracks installation in Motol. Major Kotek (fmu) was mentioned as commanding officer in September 1950.

(6) Information in October 1950 indicated that the 2d Inf Regt Jiriho z Podebrad with a headquarters and two battalions was stationed in the barracks installation on the eastern exit of the town which most probably is the installation mentioned in the present report. The information by the source of the present report gives increased credibility to unconfirmed information concerning a transfer of this regiment to the area of Marianske Lazne.

(7) The information on the induction of the 1929 and 1930 classes confirms previous information. It is possible that the 1931 class will be inducted beginning in the spring of 1952 and that thus the age for induction will be reduced by another year.

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